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HOMER TOWNSHIP

MINUTES

Monthly Board of Trustees Meeting
June 17, 2024, at 7:00 P.M.
Town Hall, 16057 S. Ceder Road,
Lockport, Illinois 60491
<http://www.homertownship.com/>

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order on June 17, 2024, by Township Supervisor Balich at 7:02pm at the Homer Township Office, 14350 W 151st Street, Homer Glen, Illinois.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation¹

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Father Tom Loya did the Invocation

3. Roll Call for Quorum

Present were Supervisor Steve Balich, Trustees Michael Bonomo, Angel Shake, Robert Rivera, and Michael Clausen, Clerk Vicki Bozen, Highway Commissioner Brent Porfilio, and Collector Michael Gondek. Assessor Carmen Maurella was absent. *A quorum was established.*

4. Public Hearing

- a. Call for a motion to open the Public Hearing for the **Homer Township FY2024-25 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance.**

1st Bonomo 2nd Clausen

Roll Call Ayes (5) Clausen, Shake, Bonomo, Rivera, Balich Nay (0)
i. Public Comments (Must sign in and are limited to one 3-minute comment per person) none

- b. **Homer Township FY2024/25** Tentative Budgets as presented and published: Founders Bond, Founders Crossing General, General Assistance, Open Space, Park, Park Developer Contribution and Town Fund for fiscal year April 1, 2024 thru March 31, 2025.

- c. Call for Motion to adopt Homer Township FY2024/25 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance Number HT2024-0617-ORD1

1st Clausen 2nd Shake

Roll Call Ayes (5) Shake, Rivera, Clausen, Bonomo, Balich Nay (0)

- d. Motion to end Public Hearing and return to regular meeting agenda.

1st Rivera 2nd Shake

Roll Call Ayes (5) Rivera, Shake, Bonomo, Clausen, Balich Nay (0)

5. Public Comments

Must sign in and are limited to one 3-minute comment per person

- a. Individuals who signed up are allowed to talk for 3 minutes during public comment.

- b. Please no interruptions or talking out of turn. Refer to our posted video to hear public comments: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S98WsCMY_JQ

6. Clerk Report: Vicki Bozen

a. Approval of Minutes

- i. Motion to approve May 13, 2024, Monthly Township Board Meeting Minutes.

1st Shake 2nd Bonomo All in Favor Ayes (5) Nay (0)

- ii. Motion to approve and to release or not release November 23, 2021 Executive Minutes. Not to Release

1st Bonomo 2nd Clausen All in Favor Ayes (5) Nay (0)

- iii. Motion to approve and to release or not release May 19, 2022 Executive Minutes. Not to Release

1st Shake 2nd Bonomo All in Favor Ayes (5) Nay (0)

¹ Homer Township does not endorse religious faith. The prayer is intended to lend solemnity to the public meeting and invite an attitude of respect and consideration.

- iv. Motion to approve and to release or not release October 17, 2022 Executive Minutes. Not to Release
1st Bonomo 2nd Clausen All in Favor Ayes (5) Nay (0)
- v. Motion to approve and to release or not release May 13, 2024 Executive Minutes. Not to Release
1st Shake 2nd Bonomo All in Favor Ayes (5) Nay (0)

b. PETFEST

- i. PETFEST was held on June 15, 2024, on the Homer Township property located just west of the Baseball Fields from 12pm to 3pm. THANK YOU to all who helped make it a huge success!!

7. Supervisor Report: Stephen J Balich

- a. Discussion of 143rd Street expansion.
- b. Motion to approve the change in Registrar to the Township upon completion of the transaction between McHenry Savings Bank and the credit upon consummation of the transaction.
1st Shake 2nd Bonomo
Roll Call Ayes (5) Clausen, Shake, Bonomo, Rivera, Balich Nay (0)
- c. Motion to approve Special Use Permit Zoning Case ZC-24-030 from A1 to C4.
1st Clausen 2nd Shake
Roll Call Ayes (5) Bonomo, Rivera, Clausen, Shake, Balich Nay (0)

8. Public Hearing: Highway Commissioner Brent Porfilio Budget Hearing

- a. Call for a motion to open the Public Hearing for the **Homer Township Road District FY2024/25 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance**
1st Clausen 2nd Bonomo Roll Call Ayes (5) Shake, Rivera, Bonomo, Clausen, Balich Nay (0)
 - i. Public Comments (Must sign in and are limited to one 3-minute comment per person) none
- b. **Homer Township Road District FY2024/25** Tentative Budgets as presented and published: Equipment & Building and Road & Bridge Funds for fiscal year April 1, 2024 thru March 31, 2025.
- c. Call for Motion to adopt Homer Township Road District Budget and Appropriation Ordinance Number HTRD-06172024.
1st Shake 2nd Clausen Roll Call Ayes (5) Shake, Bonomo, Clausen, Rivera, Balich Nay (0)
- d. Motion to end Public Hearing and return to regular meeting agenda.
1st Bonomo 2nd Rivera Roll Call Ayes (5) Bonomo, Rivera, Shake, Clausen, Balich Nay (0)

9. Highway Commissioner Report: Brent Porfilio

- a. **2024 Roadway Paving Program** The project has been completed for the following streets – a final walk thru is scheduled for next week off Smith Road 138th St - 0.23 miles and 140th St - 0.15 miles, off Lockport Heights 136th Ave -0.25 miles and 147th Pl – 0.47 miles.
- b. **2023-2024 Roadway Lighting Program** The 2023-2024 Roadway Lighting Contract has been completed. We currently are evaluating the use of solar powered lights in dark HTRD roadway areas where power is not available.
- c. **2024 Ditch Regrading and Culvert** We will be shooting grades in the next few weeks, then performing ditch regrading near the Gougar/Bruce Road intersection, as well as along 163rd Street/Regents Road, and a few other locations within the HTRD. If you have witnessed any ditches which are holding water, clogged culverts needing jetting, or flooding in any unincorporated HTRD areas, please contact us so we can investigate and help.
- d. **143rd Street Widening Project TRO** With respect to the 143rd Street widening project TRO, HT has sued the Will County Executive and is awaiting a trial date. It is disappointing that the Village still has yet to follow HT's lead and has not yet filed a law suit despite the fact that their mayor has publicly stated in front of the County Board and at public meetings that they are against the widening and support the residents. I would like to suggest, if you can, please contact the mayor and ask her to urge the Village to also file their law suit in order to further help the local residents and public win. Until the law suit is resolved, we ask that all property owners along the 143rd street ROW avoid signing any eminent domain papers or offers to sell their property to the WCDOT – and if they have been offered to or signed anything, please bring copies of that paperwork to the HT Office for scanning and to send to our attorney.
- e. **Recent Events HTRD participated** The Lockport Canal Days Parade (6/7/24) and co-Host of HT Petfest (6/15/24).

10. Assessor Report: Carmen J Maurella III

11. Collector Michael Gondek

12. Homer Township Committee & Trustee Reports

- a. Senior Task Force: Trustee Michael Bonomo Chair, Cindy La Ha Vice-Chair
During Homer Fest we will have Senior Day and Veteran's Day on June 30th
- b. Special Needs Task Force: Trustee Angel Shake Chair, Highway Commissioner Brent Porfilio Co-Chair, and Collector Mike Gondek
- c. Resource Management Task Force: Trustees Michael Bonomo, Michael Clausen, Rob Rivera, and Angel Shake
- d. Land Use Committee: Assessor Maurella, Supervisor Balich, Highway Commissioner Porfilio, Clerk Bozen, Trustees Bonomo, Rivera, Shake, and Clausen, and Collector Gondek
 - i. Will County sent us a review for a Truck Sales Dealership at 135th & Archer
 - 1. All were notified and no negative replies
- e. Founders Crossing Task Force: Trustees Angel Shake and Michael Clausen
- f. Trustee Reports

13. Accounting

- a. A motion to approve all payment of bills for May 2024: Certificate of Deposit, Founders Crossing Bond, Founders Crossing General, General Assistance, Open Space, Park Developer Contribution, Park, Town, Road & Bridge, and Equipment & Building.
1st Shake 2nd Bonomo Roll Call Ayes (5) Rivera, Clausen, Bonomo, Shake, Balich Nay (0)

14. New Business

- a.

15. Old Business

- a. Micro Pantry

16. Roll Call Vote to Enter Closed Session (If Necessary)

- a. Approval to convene into Closed Session of the Homer Township Board to consider one or more or the following subjects approved under the Open Meetings Act
 - i. Call Closed Session to Order
 - ii. Roll Call
 - iii. Discussion
 - iv. Motion to Adjourn Closed Session and return to regular meeting

17. Return to Open Session**18. Action Following Closed Session (if any)**

- a.

19. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:32pm

1st Bonomo 2nd Clausen All in Favor Ayes (5) Nay (0)

NOTICE UNDER THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

Persons with disabilities requiring reasonable accommodations in this meeting should contact the Township Supervisor's Office, 14350 W. 151st Street, Homer Glen, IL 708-301-4534. Office hours are Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Please give at least 48 hours notice prior to the meeting. Request for ASL interpreters require five (5) working days advance notice.